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In re Applicant:

GOLDMAN et al

Serial No.: 09/588,681

Filed: June 7, 2000

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add the following new Claims 31 – 47:

31.(NEW) A modeling system for representing a process as a quantified prediction model, said model comprising nodes, and having definable relationships between said nodes, wherein said nodes include inputs and outputs of said process, said system comprising:

a validator, for validating relationships by analyzing data; and

a simulator, for simulating process performance using said validated relationships;

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Sir:

- (1) Applicant is a:
 X small entity _____ verified statement attached
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- (2) The fee for claims 37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AMENDED			SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
FOR:	ON FILE	CLAIMS	RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	30	47	17 x 9=	\$ 153	OR	x 18=	\$
INDEP CLAIMS	15	2	2 x 42=	\$ 84	OR	x 84=	\$
TOTAL			\$ 237		OR	TOTAL	\$

- (3) An amendment X is filed herewith
 _____ has been filed
- (4) Please charge the claim surcharge fee and any other amount required to Deposit Account No. **50-1407**.
A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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